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Honorable Edward P. Boland, Chairman Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 78-2057/3 Enter phyfiled. Ferrorism

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In my letter of 26 July 1978, I stated that we preferred to delay advising you regarding the procedures we would work out with the Department of State regarding assistance to foreign security services coping with the terrorist threat, inasmuch as Ambassador Quainton had not had an opportunity to familiarize himself with the responsibilities and requirements of his new assignment.

Subsequently, we have had several meetings with Ambassador Quainton regarding the nature of our counterterrorism assistance to liaison. He has requested that we advise him in advance of all TDY travel abroad pertaining to our counter-terrorism activities, and we have agreed to do so. He has further requested that we coordinate counterterrorism assistance programs with the Ambassador in the field. This, of course, has always been our practice, and we will continue it as Ambassador Quainton has requested. Moreover, it is mandated by the State-CIA agreement, which requires Chiefs of Station to keep Ambassadors "fully and currently informed" regarding their programs and activities,

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Please note that "international terrorism," as opposed to "foreign domestic terrorism," is defined in paragraph 4-209 of E.O. 12036 as "transcends national boundaries in terms of the means by which it is accomplished, the civilian population, government, or international organization it

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